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RULE 132 DECLARATION OF ROB P. BRUECKNER

I, Rob P. Brueckner, state as follows:

1. I am one of the co-inventors on the above-entitled patent application on a stand mixer.

2. I have a degree in industrial technology, and have been employed at Maytag for 15 years. My job responsibilities at Maytag have included projects relating to the design and development of kitchen appliances, such as the stand mixer of the present invention.

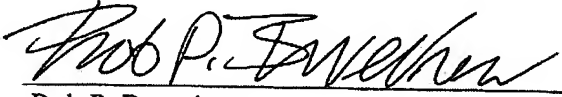
3. With respect to kitchen appliances, a stand mixer, a blender, and a food processor are three separate and distinct tools or appliances, each having separate uses, and are generally not intended to be interchangeable with one another. A stand mixer utilizes a pair of beaters, a hook, or a whisk to mix dry ingredients such as flour, with a limited amount of liquid or viscous ingredients, such as milk, water, oil and/or eggs, to produce a batter or dough. A stand mixer can also be used for whipping, for example, to produce whipped cream. In comparison, blenders and food processors are typically used to chop, and/or cut the ingredients using rotating knives.

Blenders and food processors normally are not used to make batter or dough. Blenders are often

used to make drinks, including various ingredients and crushed ice, and produce an easily pourable product.

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